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1. From 4 to 8 June 1951, 2,400 construction workers were employed at Werneuchen airfield while the number of machines in use had remained the same. An area of 22,600 square meters was completely concreted as compared with 40,000 square meters scheduled to be completed by 1 June 1951. * The progress of the construction work was delayed by the fact that Herr Hoehne, (fnu), chief superintendent at the field fled to West Berlin. Soviet officers were to supervise all types of construction work after 11 June 1951.
2. The progress of the construction work at the field was again checked by representatives of the Construction Bureau in Tverder. Colonel Karnatovski, (fnu), declared in the technical bureau at the field that the project would be enlarged and that extensive concreting work would have to be done. It is believed that the airfield is scheduled to be enlarged to the north since a farmer who has his land there stated that it would be included in the airfield.

25X1A * **Comment.** Compared with a report of 1 June 1951, the number of construction workers at the field increased by 540. Since the runway is going to be 80 meters wide, this statement indicates that a stretch of about 280 meters has been completed so far. During the period from 1 June through 8 June 1951, a total of 5,000 square meters, i.e. a stretch of 62 meters, was concreted. If this rate of construction work should be continued the completion of the remaining 2,520 meters of runway would require a period of about 40 weeks. This indicates that the target date for the completion of the runway, which was fixed as 1 August 1951, can only be kept if the construction work is accelerated.

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